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Brittany Imasuen, left, and Christine Bishop prepare for their dance battle in Checkmate. See more Dusk Dances photos and story on page 20 and 21.

Cottage sales pick up after slow spring start

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Despite findings in a recent Globe and Mail article that point to a slowdown in sales of cottage properties in Muskoka, Haliburton and Orillia, local realtors are feeling optimistic about the future of the real estate market.

"I think we're going to continue to see growth," said Andrew Hodgson, owner and broker of record of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd.

"I'm very bullish on our local economy.

I'm very bullish of the demographic of the boomers moving to our area. I think we're just starting to see that."

Between the start of the year and June 4, sales of waterfront, recreational cottage properties were down 24 per cent from last year for Century 21.

"That's volume of sales," said Hodgson, adding that sales of year-round homes on the water are included in those statistics.

However, between June 1 and July 21, sales picked up by 18 per cent over 2012. Sales of high-end properties – those priced at \$500,000 and higher – also went up.

"We've had four sales of over \$1 million and last year at this time we only had one," he said.

Hodgson believes that the poor spring weather had a negative effect on the market.

"Leading up to June, it was a terrible spring. A lot of us were hoping it was weather-related, and it seems to be weather-related."

As for the jump that occurred between June and July, Hodgson attributes that to a "pent up demand."

"Now that we're free and clear of rain, wet and mosquitoes, people are getting

their heads around doing their real estate business."

Hodgson says today's average buyer tends to be more affluent than the buyer of 20 years ago.

"Our entry level is higher," he said, pointing out that more buyers nowadays are looking to invest into a cottage property so they can rent it out to others.

Ray Jarvis, owner and broker of record of Re/Max North Country Realty Inc., also says the weather had something to do with a decline in sales.

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Hydro One donates to Minden Flood Relief

Thanks to the generosity of Hydro One employees, the Minden Flood Relief fund was increased by \$6,551.94. The July 24 donation was the result of combined efforts by the Newmarket, Minden, Barrie, Bowmanville, Peterborough and Fenelon Falls districts. Presented by Minden Hydro One's operations manager Boyd Knox, the cheque was gratefully received by the Disaster Relief Committee. "As I'm from Minden we felt obligated to support the flood relief effort," said Knox. "We helped with the sand-bagging so everybody just jumped on board. It was a great effort and it gave us a great feeling."

Pictured above: Hydro One workers present the Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee with a cheque for \$6,551.94.

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Highlander news

Dysart wins \$72K recreation grant

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

The Municipality of Dysart et al will be initiating a number of new recreational programs over the next two years thanks to the award of a \$72,000 grant from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Announced at the council's July 22 meeting, the funds come from the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund. The monies are meant not as funds to purchase physical infrastructure but instead to promote activity within the local community. With this in mind, Dysart is employing a part-time project coordinator to take inventory of its current assets and to facilitate a number of after-school and summer programs for all ages.

"We are partnering with Point In Time to host two programs of events, and looking into holding two 'Try It' festivals – the first in Head Lake Park this year and one in Glebe Park next year," stated Tamara Wilbee, Dysart et al CAO. "These events will encourage people

of all ages to come out and try new sports and recreational activities; things that they may not have considered before."

She added that in association with the library there will be a small equipment loan program, "to allow people to borrow a basketball, hockey sticks and other equipment free of charge, just like loaning out a library book." In addition, the frisbee golf course in Head Lake Park will be spruced up to attract more players both from the local community and further afield.

Wilbee went on to mention that in order to fully involve the community there will be two consultation events in the near future, the first of which will be held on July 30.

"We are really pleased to have been awarded this money and we're looking forward to putting on a series of events and programs that will involve everyone, from school kids to seniors," she said.

As a requirement of the grant, Dysart will contribute funds towards the recreational programs to the tune of \$9,000 split over two years, plus a corresponding amount 'in-kind'.

Dysart in brief

Road works ongoing

Resurfacing work to Wigamog Road has been completed, much to the joy of regular users of the lakeside drive. However, Rob Camelon, assistant roads superintendent, warned that due to recent weather conditions there is still much work to do. "We'll need to take another serious look at the road needs study due to the brutal conditions we're experiencing and the extra repairs necessary," he said.

Haliburton Museum gets new website

Early next week is the time to check out Haliburton Highlands Museum's new website. Go to www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com to see the updated site, which will feature news and upcoming events pages, details of recent acquisitions and opportunities for on-line shopping. "The old website felt like we were living in sepia," museum director Kate Butler says. "This new site will bring more information to the public and really entice people to the museum."

Farmers market extends run

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is changing its hours of operation in Head Lake Park to 12-4 p.m. each Tuesday in

order to entice more local working people to attend during their lunch hour. Due to the current success of the market, vendors have voted to extend the market's summer run until Oct. 8. "One key issue we're finding is that many can't get down on their lunch hour, so they miss the market entirely," said market director Karen Sloan. "We're hoping to accommodate them by opening at noon." Sloan added that the market can't be open any later due to the vendors' other commitments.

Victoria Street School bought and sold

Dysart council authorized two bylaws at its July 22 meeting with regards to the Victoria Street school. The first was to purchase the school from Trillium Lakelands District School Board for a price of \$235,000. The council then turned around and sold it to Community Living Haliburton County for \$245,000. "The community has expressed that the property should be put to some form of public use and Community Living fits that bill," stated Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey. "Additionally, we have agreed that if the property ever goes up for sale again we will have first refusal, in order to maintain that public use."

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Editorial opinion

Councillors draw a line

Minden Hills council has had enough.

It took letters to the editor of both the Haliburton Highlander and the Minden Times, as well as comments made on the record that should have remained confidential, for councillors to stand up to Reeve Barb Reid.

On July 24, Ward 1 councillor Brigitte Gall will put forward a motion that draws a line between the reeve and her council.

The motion states:

"The below identified majority of [the] Council of Minden Hills does not approve, nor approved, statements made by the Reeve in letters to the editor posted on June 19, 2013 and June 20, 2013 to The Minden Times and The Highlander; did not grant the authority to the Reeve to disclose confidential information, willfully mislead other Members of Council, employees or the public; and in no way condone, approve, or had any prior knowledge of the disrespectful and negative characterization of members of the public as "toxic and destructive".

The entirety of Minden's council – save Ken Redpath, whose name remains off the motion – have put their names to the document. Those who believe the Vision 2010 team still stands united need only look at what will transpire in the council chambers to know, once and for certain, that that is not the case. All but one member of the council will oppose the reeve.

What does this mean for Reeve Reid?

Well, she stands alone right now, having lost the confidence of her council. Last month she was spotted outside council chambers, wandering the halls while her council was inside in closed session – likely discussing this very motion, but we can't report that for certain. For the reeve to be asked not to participate in part of a

closed session of council speaks to the estrangement between Reid and her councillors.

Should she resign? That's definitely an option, and there are those in the community who have been asking for that very thing since she won the election. It would then fall to the deputy-reeve, Cheryl Murdoch, to lead Minden Hills into the 2014 elections.

The other option is to reach out to her council and community, ask for forgiveness, and look to start anew. With so many bridges burned behind her, Reeve Reid might find this an impossible task.

Either way, the reeve's political career is likely over. This is just one more nail in an already well-secured coffin.

As for the rest of the Minden Hills council, they've shown themselves to have the courage it takes to lead. While their term so far has been riddled with controversy – and not a small amount of drama – they've done the right thing here by standing up to a leader who has clearly lost her way.

The motion will have hit the floor by the time most readers pick up the paper, so follow us online at www.haliburtonhighlander.ca to find out the results.

The Highlander would like to extend a belated welcome to the newest member of our team, Sharon Lynch. Her column, Down Our Road, has been read in the county for 25 years. We feel very fortunate and privileged to bring her column to you every two weeks, and are excited to have her on board. Look for this week's column on page 25.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Bunk is for beds

I had the privilege this week of interviewing Cec Ryall and Rob Barr for Canoe FM. Both are residents of Gooderham and are busy promoting the town's 140th birthday celebrations this August long weekend. Barr, having lived in the town his entire life (he was actually born over his family's general store), was naturally full of colourful stories going back to the 1800s, the oddest perhaps the one about the blind electrician who serviced the lines (and drove a car), only sometimes with the help of his young son.

Many other stories, Barr and Ryall told me with a hint of sadness, have been lost. Like *Titanic* character, Jack Dawson, they live only in the minds of those who remember them. When those minds and the bodies they inhabit pass on, the stories go with them.

Many try to record these bits of local history before it's too late, but there's so much of it, and so little time, that the compendium of knowledge decays steadily, like a radioactive element with a fixed half life. The decline mirrors the town's loss of its municipal status and its school; now Gooderham's heart resides in the post office, at least until the next round of "efficiencies" by Canada Post.

It's a common pattern: the visceration of the civic structures of our towns, depressingly inevitable, turning each from vibrant hubs of purposeful activities to scattered collections of homes and shops. Yes, it saves money to centralize schools and governments, healthcare and commerce, but nobody has ever calculated the cost of losing your identity. What is a town worth?

Local history is what makes our towns unique and distinguishes them from random places on a map. To understand local history is to find security in knowing your place on the continuum of life; there was a before, and there will be an after, and you fit here. What you do now will make a difference. Without history, ironically, there's little motivation to think about the future or even the here and now.

My grandparents were old enough to remember the First World War, and from the stories they told me about their parents I had

a connection, weak but certain, to the same 19th century Ron Barr's ancestors inhabited. What though of the next generations, who will be too far removed from formative events of the past to understand their importance and relevance? Is war more likely when history is forgotten? Is today's civic disengagement and lackadaisical response to economic stagnation happening because today's youth don't understand the desperate, Grapes of Wrath-style poverty engineered by rapacious capitalists in the 19th and early 20th centuries and the successful responses working people undertook?

All of us have a role to play in preserving our history. Elders can teach it to their kids and grandkids; schools to their students. Our local curricula could include a variety of touchstones, from study units about pre-settlement populations and the geology that shaped our area, to local biology. Even English as a subject can have a local component, as demonstrated to us last year by a University of Toronto professor who is investigating unique words, phrases and speech patterns used in Haliburton County.

Being a relative newcomer to the Highlands, I've got a lot of local history to learn. I find it fascinating, but more than that, the knowledge is an investment in the community spirit that brings so many other people here.

It's an investment worth making.

Gooderham's 140th birthday celebrations start on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. and run through Sunday afternoon. A beautiful calendar featuring historic photographs will be available for purchase. Another opportunity to experience local history happens on Aug. 16 at 1 p.m., when the Emmerson Family will be re-dedicating the Drag River Dam; visitors are encouraged to wear 1910s period costumes and to participate in recreating vintage photographs.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Don't assume farmers' motives

Dear editor,

Will Jones's article "The Abbey Gardens conundrum" (see The Highlander issue 91, pg. 37), positively puts the case for this strong new player in the local food business in Haliburton. Unfortunately, it gives a very negative impression of our local farming community who are portrayed as having an almost mindless reactionary posture to this "new kid on the block's" presence. This one-sided article made me want to hear about some of the reality facing our local farmers.

As a boy raised around farms and agriculture, and then as a pastor to several rural churches, I developed a healthy and genuine respect for the farmer as a business person.

This experience makes it impossible for me to believe that Haliburton's farmers

would really turn down a good marketing opportunity as Jones uncritically suggests selling to Abbey Gardens is. That is, of course, without some very sound business reasons. We haven't heard what these are. Instead Jones judges them using words like scared, envious, and, by inference, "backward-thinking". Certainly, some may be worried about the impact of Abbey Gardens on their businesses, but astute people as many farmers certainly are, simply won't turn down a good deal. So let's hear their story, and please, no more polarizing, condescending, and divisive journalism. Our community and the local food industry deserve better than that.

Paul Irwin
Algonquin Highlands

Time to get your own water source

Dear editor,

There have been two articles recently concerning the charges for drinking water in Minden.

Why do these people have to go there to get their drinking water? They are relying on the Minden water tower which is paid for by the residents who are hooked up to this system. They are on a meter to determine their usage. The rest of us who have drinking water have spent many dollars on dug or drilled wells. We have our water tested and if the results are negative we spend more money on filters and ultraviolet lights yearly. We use pumps

and hydro to run them. Our water is not free. There are many people who buy jugs and bottles of drinking water. Minden has provided free water for years. It is time to pay back or get your own well for your drinking water. Perhaps some of this water money can help the residents who received too much free water this spring.

Yes, you are charged for over two bags of garbage at the dump. So please recycle and use your drinking water wisely.

Jan Tedford
Blairhampton

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Getting patched up

I feel I've been writing about bugs a lot lately. They seem to be invading my every thought. I wouldn't say that I'm obsessed with them but I do have to admit to taking an unhealthy pleasure in squashing them, the bad ones that is. The biters.

And so it was that I came upon the deer fly patch. How could I have missed out on this opportunity for so long?

Part bug death dispenser, part fashion accessory, the patch is a new addition to my bug-killing armoury and a great conversation piece when in the village, especially in establishments that serve food. It is then, when I'm tucking into my meal, the faint droning of an almost dead deer fly emanating from the back of my cap, that I get the most appreciative looks and even the odd comment about the new addition to my Canadian country garb.

In fact, I now believe I know what it must feel like to be famous. Even my venerated status as The Outsider, and all the wealth and trappings that life as a columnist for the Highlander bring, had not prepared me for this level of attention. People stop and

stare, they point and mutter to each other, quite obviously talking about me but then, when I return their gaze they look away or scuttle off. It's as if I am Brad Pitt or more aptly Kenneth Branagh, strolling down Minden's main street. I feel the heat of many eyes upon my back; I know that I am turning heads wherever I go. The attention is exciting, a little unnerving even but when I turn to diffuse the situation, when I try to engage my gawkers in pleasant conversation about my fly encrusted patch, they run a mile.

I should say that my recent inaugural wearing of a deer fly patch was not the first time that I had seen one. My initial experience of this sticky death dealer was in the liquor store in Port Carling, many moons ago when I was visiting as a tourist. On selecting my beverage(s) of choice I proceeded to the checkout, chatting as I went with my lovely wife. I didn't look up until standing directly behind a lady in the queue but when I did look up I was met with a swarm of deer flies, some still buzzing, clamped on to the rear of said

lady's head.

I squealed like a small girl and jumped back. I thought the poor lady was being attacked by a hoard of zombie insects. Leaping into action I picked up a copy of Food & Wine magazine and gave the dastardly buzzers three or four good hard whacks. This surprised the lady somewhat. Spinning around clutching her head she stood astounded as I ripped the cap from her skull and stamped all over it for good measure.

"You're welcome," I beamed.

She picked up the cap, slowly dusted it off, taking care not to dust the sticky patch and explained the deer fly patch concept to me, all the while smiling and taking care to sound reassuring. She then put down her unpaid-for bottle of wine and backed away from me, not turning around until she was part way across the car park.

Now that was a while back and as you know I'm becoming more accustomed to Canadian quirks but what may seem normal to you is often a brand new experience to me. And, it was with a sense of excitement

Photo of the week



Photo by Mark Arike

Kids catch some air while swinging in Head Lake Park.

No nourishment in Food for Thought

Dear editor,

Will Jones's article, The Abbey Gardens Conundrum (see The Highlander issue 91, pg. 37), left me hungry for a bigger picture. The author's many questions did more to pollute and less to fertilize healthy conversations about the future of nutritional and local food in the Highlands.

Food is a necessary conversation everywhere. Asking big questions that grow the everyday consumer's understanding of the economic and labour reality of the small family farmer, this would be helpful. Questions that clear a path for the food producers and their associations to meet with

new retail initiatives and discuss what is of mutual benefit to all, including those on fixed and low incomes, would be helpful. Seeding controversy with disparaging innuendos about one group, which can only polarize and plant general animosity, is not helpful. I can't imagine the Farmers' Association, The Farmers Market organization, the Abbey Gardens group, or the Highlands community found much nourishment in Jones's Food For Thought. More please.

Carol Kilby
Gaia Farmhouse Retreat
Algonquin Highlands

The Outsider



By Will Jones

that I purchased my first deer fly patch from Karen at Outdoor Plus. She mocked me somewhat for being excited about donning my patch. She feigned unconcern but as I left the store I swear she gave me a look similar to the one the lady in the liquor store had on her face when explaining her cap adornment.

Striding into heavy bush later that same day, I caught my first deer fly. There were fifteen or twenty buzzing around and bouncing off my head then suddenly a frantic BZZZZZZZ that didn't fade in and out of earshot. BZZZZZBZZZZZZ. I whipped off my cap and inspected the first deer fly stuck to the patch. A second fly promptly bit me on the back of my neck. From then on the cap stayed attached to my head until I returned indoors to display my catch to my lovely wife and Little Z.

He was extremely impressed. She gave me that look; the same one I got from the liquor store lady and Karen at Outdoors Plus.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *Have you been following the birth of the Royal baby?*



Ernie Hills

Minden

Yes I have but just out of general interest, mostly because there is not much else being covered in the news.

Jerry Reddy

Toronto

Yes I somewhat followed it. I was interested to see who the little King or Queen might be. It is important to Canada to keep us somewhat different from our neighbours to the south.



Marilyn Morrison

Sault Ste. Marie

Yes I have because I followed the prince and Princess Dianna when they had their children and it is wonderful to see these beautiful people start their family.



Mike Thomson

Algonquin Highlands

Sure I have. Just curious to see if it would be a boy or a girl. I sort of follow the Monarchy so I have some interest.



Ross Curtis

Crystal Lake

Not at all. I have not had any hydro recently. You live your life with no power and the world still goes on. Got my electricity back on last night.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

AH zoning review a delicate balancing act

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The comprehensive zoning bylaw for Algonquin Highlands is coming up for public comments in August, and councillors are expecting plenty of feedback.

While many items remain unchanged, revisions were made to make the bylaw more clear and bring it more in line with other bylaws in the county and neighbouring municipalities.

Several proposed revisions are expected to be hot topics at the August public meeting. Councillors spent close to four hours reviewing those and the other changes in a 27-page summary at their July 18 regular meeting.

The bylaw covers residential, commercial, industrial and miscellaneous zones such as waterbody open space and environmental protection. The document must be updated to conform to the township's updated official plan by April 2014. Two public meetings were held last year and comments from the public and various associations have been received and considered throughout the process.

Shoreline lot coverage is among the more controversial changes.

Currently lot owners can cover up to 30 per cent of properties one acre or larger in size with buildings and covered structures such as boathouses. The revised allowance chops that in half to 15 per cent, matching Minden Hills and Dysart et al allowances. Highlands East allows only 10 per cent coverage. Council considered this, but decided to stay with 15 per cent, concerned that lot owners wanting greater building square footage would instead build upward, creating a new issue over reduced sight lines.

Rural residential lot coverage was to be reduced from 30 per cent to 20 per cent, but councillors decided to further reduce it to 15 per cent for consistency with shoreline lots.

Shoreline structures also generated extensive debate. Boathouses, docks, pumphouses, decks, gazebos, sheds and saunas are all affected by proposed revisions.

For example, in the shoreline residential (SR) zones, the maximum total width of shoreline structures can't exceed 30 per cent of the lot frontage to a maximum of 15 metres (currently 20 metres).

"It may be seen as council put that in place to force people to buy the shore allowance, which can be quite costly," Reeve Carol Moffatt noted regarding the latter change.

"To me it's a liability issue of building things on someone else's property and us having no control and all the liability," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Docks have also been targeted in the SR zone changes. Revisions include requiring a minimum 4.5-metre setback from the side lot lines, and/or from the perpendicular projection of the lot line 30 metres into the water from the shoreline (new standard). No part of any docking facility can extend more than 15 metres from the shoreline. Gazebos and similar structures won't be allowed on docks.

"There's going to be pushback for this," said Moffatt. "People are going to say, 'What are you doing to us?', and what we're doing, I believe, [is] we're trying to make the best decisions we can based on the input we have through myriad lake plans that a lot of people have spent a lot of time and effort [on] trying to decide the essence of the community in which they want to live."

"I think we need to... have regard to that and what we hear from other people and how we want our community to look. What do we want to be here when we grow up? I think that's the direction we're going."

Additional proposed revisions affect patios, porches, fences, garages, outdoor wood stoves, sleeping cabins, hunt camps, accessory apartments, parking,



File photo

Algonquin Highlands municipal office.

refreshment vehicles and more.

The bylaw amendment includes a transition clause that will enable building permit issuance under certain conditions for those whose developments are already in progress, even if the previously approved development does not comply

with the updated bylaw.

A formal draft will now be prepared and posted on the township website.

The public meeting will take place Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. in the council chamber at the township offices, 1123 North Shore Road.

Free disposal of flood debris costs town

Following April flooding, Algonquin Highlands waived landfill and tipping fees for residents and cottagers for flood-damaged materials until July 15.

The July date was set to accommodate any cottagers who might not visit their properties earlier and still be unaware of any damage.

Staff estimates the township lost \$1,900 in revenues as a result, but councillors agreed during discussions at their July 18 meeting that it was the right decision to make.

"It will be a lot more value in goodwill," said Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle.

Highlander news

Memorial donation buys EMS equipment

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Marine Unit 60 in the Dorset fire services unit will receive some additional improvements thanks to a donation from a family who required Dorset volunteer firefighters' services last summer.

The call came in as a cardiac arrest, and despite the firefighters' best efforts, the patient died. Nevertheless the family donated \$2,465 to Algonquin Highlands Fire Service in appreciation of the firefighters' "compassionate and professional response," says John Hogg, Algonquin Highlands fire chief.

The patient's widow requested the donations be used in her husband's memory for emergency response equipment to help maintain the Dorset firefighters' high level of service to the community. The patient and his family have not been identified to maintain patient confidentiality.

The Dorset Volunteer Firefighters Association has undertaken a major refurbishment of Marine Unit 60 and recommended these funds be used for part

of that project. The township approved the recommendation.

"The Dorset Marine Unit was originally purchased by the firefighters with public donations many years ago and was showing signs of a long period of use," says Hogg. "The total refurbishment project will cost approximately \$17,000 and all the funds have been donated by the public to the Dorset firefighters over a number of years."

The project includes replacing the wooden decking with lightweight aluminum decking, new lighting and control wiring system, and upgrades to search and rescue lighting, among other things.

"We are very appreciative of the public support over the years and their recognition of the professionalism and compassion displayed by our firefighters during these emergencies," says Hogg.

The Dorset volunteer fire department serves an area of approximately 600 square-kilometres and provides assistance to the Oxtongue Lake and Stanhope units as well as the Lake of Bays fire department in Muskoka.

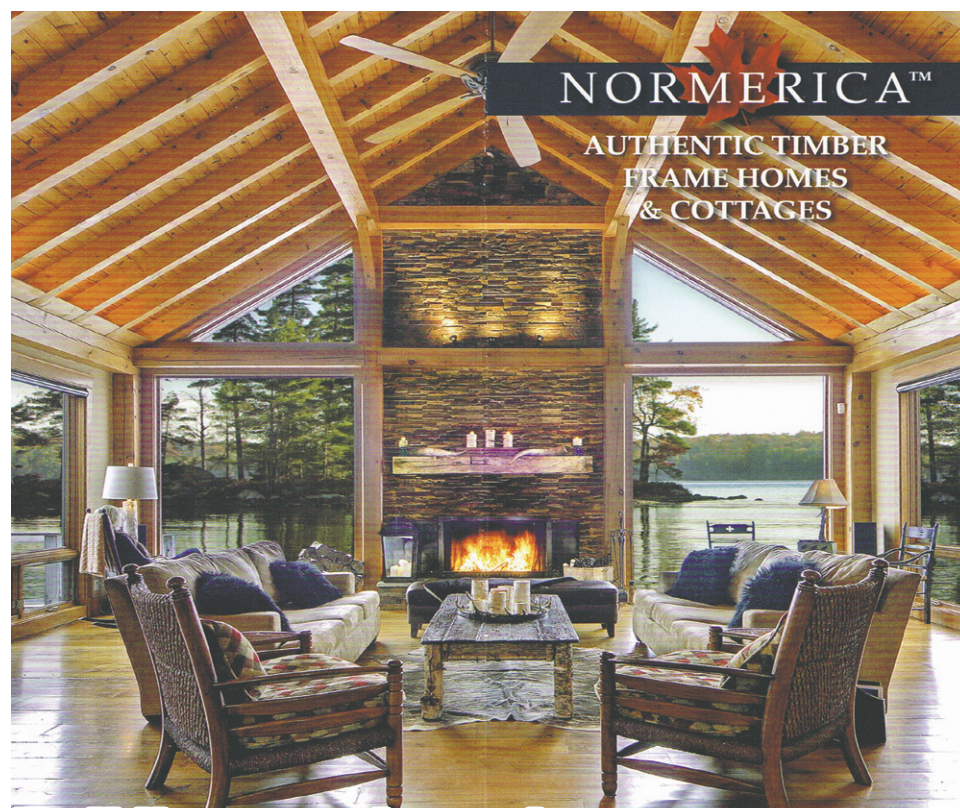


Photo by Warren Riley

Golfing in Carnarvon for flood relief

Penny Murray (centre) with Leo (left) and Jack Kent of Carnarvon Family Golf present the Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) with a \$1,028 donation for the Minden Flood Relief Fund.

Pictured above: DRC members from left are Shelley Houser, Max Ward, Jeanne Anthon, Andrew Hodgson, Bill Obee and Jack Brezina.



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August 3

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Aug 10

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Meetings and Events

July 25

9:00 am, CoTW/Regular meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00am)

July 26 & 27

Minden Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show, Minden
Community Centre. Admission \$7pp, under 12 free.
Fri 7-9pm and Sat 10am-4pm

July 29

8:30 am, Disaster Relief Committee meeting,
Minden Cultural Centre, Common Room

August 3

8:00 – 11:30 am, Household Hazardous Waste Day,
Scotchline Landfill

August 4

10:00 am, Highland Yard, start/finish main street Minden

August 5

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August 9 & 10

Minden Bike 150, Fri - Family Fundo
Registration 4:45 pm, Ride at 5:30 pm.
Sat - Ride for Relief Registration 7:00 am,
Ride at 8:00 am

Aug 16 & 17

Haliburton County Fair, Minden Fairgrounds

August 20

10:00 am Cultural Centre / Museum Advisory Committees
meeting, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Common Room

August 29

9:00 am, CoTW/Regular meeting of Council,
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Tuesday Aug 30, 2013

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Township of Minden Hills,

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Attention: Janette Loveys,

Director of Community Services

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Highlander news



Tai Chi Society donates \$500 to Flood Relief Fund

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

It isn't unusual for treasurer Lorrie Blanchard of Minden Hills to receive a donation to the Flood Relief Fund.

Blanchard received a \$500 donation from Wilma Thomson of the Taoist Tai Chi Society (TTCS) of Haliburton on July 22. What was unusual was how the funds were generated: from TTCS members paying for their session tea and cookies.

"Originally when we started out the instructors paid for all the tea and cookies," Thomson said. "But now we have a lot more members and so it became more expensive.

We asked the members to throw in some change or some cookies. Well, in the usual Haliburton County way, people are very generous and now we had more money than we needed."

Thomson said that the TTCS in the past year has donated to both the Haliburton and Minden food banks and the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County.

"People knew we were going to make a donation to the Minden Flood Relief of 500 bucks."

A tremendous round of applause erupted from the committee while Thomson handed over five crisp \$100 bills.

Pictured left: The Minden Hills DRC receives a \$500 donation.

HCDC and FedDev boost Minden flood total

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Minden Disaster Relief Committee recently received \$30,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). The investment is part of \$878,000 in funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP).

"Today's announcement demonstrates our government's commitment to addressing the

challenges facing businesses and residents affected by the severe flooding in Haliburton County," said MP Barry Devolin in a July 16 press release. "This investment of \$30,000 towards the flood-stricken areas will leverage an additional \$60,000 from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP)."

ODRAP is intended to help municipalities, individuals, farmers, small businesses, and non-profit organizations get back on their feet after a natural disaster. The program will provide up to two to one matching funds for every dollar the

community manages to raise.

HCDC operates as an independent, not-for-profit organization working in partnership with FedDev Ontario. It is one of 61 Community Futures Development Corporations in rural Ontario.

The EODP promotes economic development through investments in key priority areas such as business development, community innovation, collaboration and job creation. The program is managed by FedDev Ontario in partnership with the 15 Community Futures Development Corporations in Eastern Ontario.



Photo submitted by
Mary Lou Morris

Microburst mayhem

Mary Lou Morris is in awe of the power of nature after a microburst – or mini-tornado – hit her property on July 19. According to an e-mail sent by Morris, the micro burst happened in the afternoon with no warning. "It happened in a second," she wrote. "No rain, no lightning, no thunder. Just wind." Five trees were uprooted, peeling surrounding grass with it. They toppled over, some landing on the nearby cottages. A visitor's car had its rear window smashed out as well. Morris said it will take a special crane to remove the trees. Pictured left: The damage caused by the microburst.

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Buyers jumping in

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"There's no doubt the weather and the press received from the weather impacted people when they hear of what's going on up here," said Jarvis. "It was pretty major, especially in the Minden area."

As a result, sellers "delayed putting their places on the market."

Although Jarvis agrees with much of what was said in the July 4 article titled "A dockside slowdown hits cottage country real estate," there's usually some good that comes out of the bad.

"When the product did come on the market, we're happy to report there was a pent up demand," he said. "You never know in the spring. If you don't have much of a spring market, traditionally summer – especially through July and August – a lot of people are on holidays. It can actually start to slow down."

According to Jarvis, bad weather doesn't deter a potential buyer from purchasing a property. It does, however, cause them to take longer to buy.

"When they see the weather is consistently rainy, they're not as excited to drive up here and look at properties all day in the rain. But it doesn't mean that they're not going to come back and buy here. You really have to look at the real estate business as a 12-month cycle."

Although Jarvis didn't have stats available for his offices, he said numbers "were off in

the spring" but have picked up since.

"I'm very optimistic, especially with waterfront. I've never truly seen a serious long-time decline in waterfront without it either correcting itself pretty quick or rising over the last 25 years. It's a great investment."

Rob Serediuk, a sales representative for Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited Haliburton, said his team experienced "a major slowdown in spring because of the weather."

"It absolutely had everything to do with the weather," said Serediuk. "With the floods that we had, agents were discouraging buyers from coming up."

The local brokerage, which "specializes in waterfront properties," is down 10 per cent in sales of waterfront cottage properties from 2012. This translates to an eight per cent decrease in total sales volume compared to the same time last year.

"We're not that far behind, to be honest with you," said Serediuk, after pointing out that Chestnut Park has sold 103 cottage waterfront properties versus last year's 114.

"We're finding this summer is a lot busier than in years past. That could be because a lot of the buyers were waiting for the weather to change."

He added that many of the high-end properties sell in the fall season.

"We remain very optimistic, especially for the properties that are priced well."



Photo courtesy of Gloria Carnochan, Century 21



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Highlander business

Kennisis River subdivision plan approved

Opposition fails to convince council of risks

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A 20-year-old subdivision plan for property on the Kennisis River has been resurrected and revised, and many neighbours are not happy to see the results.

The property is located along the river's east bank in part of Lot 17, Concessions 9 and 10 north of County Rd. 13 in Algonquin Highlands township. It's approximately 71.5 acres in size with more than 4,000 feet of frontage along the river, according to the township's planner.

In 1992, the province approved a draft subdivision plan for 21 shoreline residential lots with no time limit for completion. Since then the property has changed hands and approval authority for subdivision plans has shifted to the county.

The current owners opted for revisions based on a site plan evaluation to bring it up to current environmental standards and current township planning policies such as the required one-acre lot, 200-foot frontage minimums.

The revised plan has 17 lots and an open space. Lots are to be serviced individually and privately. Environmental protection (EP) zones are identified for the two tributaries crossing the property, a shoreline wetland, and a 30-metre setback from the shoreline along the entire length. A new public access road is to be created, extending north from County Rd. 13.

Township council reviewed the revised draft last year and approved it conditionally, as did the county this spring.

Rezoning to better address proposed usage was among the county's conditions. The township held a public meeting July 18 to address this and drew a full house.

Gord Hoenow, who lives on the west bank, opposed the rezoning for several reasons, saying the revised plan will cause "irreversible damage to the environment" as the changes now call for permanent residences with septic systems.

"With the way the Kennisis River water levels fluctuate, almost to the point of still water, one failed septic system could easily lead to E. coli (potentially fatal bacteria) to bloom," he said.

Hoenow stated that, during recent flooding he saw "vast amounts of run-off exiting from the east shores of the Kennisis River



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Land use consultant Greg Bishop spoke on behalf of owners of a proposed Kennisis River subdivision at the township's public meeting.

in countless areas in which I've previously never before witnessed run-off even during the spring thaw... There is not a chance in the world that a 30-metre setback would save these homes."

Similar concerns were voiced by other speakers and in four letters read into public record by the clerk. Additional concerns included the need to ensure the progress is independently monitored so all conditions are met, the need to assess the long-term impact, run-off, and the "horrendous

change" to their quiet lifestyle predicted by neighbouring residents.

Land use consultant and surveyor Greg Bishop, representing the owners, said the plan is not just conceptual.

"I've walked every single lot, every inch of every lot," said Bishop. "There's not a single building there that isn't at least 12 to 15 feet above the normal level of the river... The important part is we don't want a Minden, we don't want a flood plain here. Nothing here's being built on a flood plain, nothing.

It's well protected, well back from that perspective."

Bishop added all reports have been approved by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources. As

"how to take care of the water and how to control it and what mitigation is [necessary during] construction," said Bishop. "That engineer [not the developer] is the one who is responsible for that process."

Township planning consultant Greg Corbett advised the county's conditions also include road construction standards and ensuring the environmental report recommendations are implemented.

"Normally in our subdivision agreement we would require that a registered engineer be there to monitor and to confirm that all the activity is being done in accordance with the plans that have been approved with the road and construction mitigation," said Corbett.

Councillors discussed the issues raised as well as their own concerns, including flooding, erosion, and structural restrictions for the shoreline. Ultimately they enacted the zoning amendment bylaw.

"I'm satisfied that the most important piece of this property is protected," said Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson, referring to the shoreline.

"The questions that were asked today were very well answered," said Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle. "I think it's important to note that members of council also visited this site. So we're not just looking at a piece of paper. We've been there, we've walked that terrain, and I know for myself personally that in fact we understand exactly what's going on and I feel confident going forward [with the amendment]."

I've walked every single lot, every inch of every lot... Nothing here's being built on a flood plain, nothing. It's well protected, well back from that perspective.

Greg Bishop
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Highlander environment

Shoreline destruction a threat to lakes

Inventory will assess damage already done

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) plans to give county residents all the tools they need to re-naturalize their shorelines.

Paul MacInnes, chair of the CHA, said the organization has just been approved for a new program with U-Links to perform a county-wide shoreline inventory. Local lake stewards will bring an environmental studies student around each lake to take pictures of shoreline properties, while a geography student maps their location.

"They rate the properties on a scale of one to seven, with the scale having to do with naturalization or de-naturalization," MacInnes said. "This has been widely used in places like Wisconsin where they take those ratings, make it simple for consumers and categorize each property as green, red and yellow."

The CHA wants to complete the inventory on all 65 of its membership lakes by the end of summer 2015.

"Our two big priorities are septic systems

and shoreline re-naturalization because we know from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) those are the two biggest things we can do to stop the decline in our lakes," he said. "[The inventory] lets us know where we start."

Each individual lake will receive numbers from the study to use in addressing shoreline naturalization. For example, if 50 per cent of the shoreline properties on a given lake have a grass lawn all the way to the water, the lake association can set a target to reduce that to 25 per cent over five years.

Another reason to complete the inventory is it provides an excuse to give property owners important information on their shorelines.

"It allows [lake associations] to provide [property owners] with information on how their lot rated, and if they want to change it, here's how to go about changing it," MacInnes said. "They have found in Wisconsin that people who rated yellow wanted to go green."

Property owners would ask lake stewards how they could make the transition to a green property.

"It motivated some people," he said. "It also allowed [lake associations], instead of them distributing pamphlet after pamphlet to 500 owners on the lake, they could use a targeted approach so they could provide information to the places that needed to improve their shoreline."

Although the program has received approval, it will require on the interest of students from Trent University and Fleming College to participate in the inventory. The goal is to start this October with nine lakes that have already signed up to have an inventory completed.

When the inventory is finished, the CHA will be able to provide averages on how many Haliburton lakes are reds, yellows, or greens, MacInnes said.

In the meantime, the organization is already taking steps to give owners the information

and tools they need to re-naturalize their shorelines.

Professor Barb Elliott made presentations earlier this year to all four municipal councils on the importance of natural shorelines to healthy lakes. She will be filming two Lake Protector videos for the CHA with the help of Sticks and Stones (formerly Highland Media Arts). These videos will be called the Importance of Natural Shorelines and Re-naturalizing Your Shoreline – Step by Step.

Those videos should be ready to launch in March 2014 so people can start planning their own shoreline re-naturalization this spring, MacInnes said.

The CHA is also developing three documents for their website. The first is a list of all native species that should be used in this area. The second document lists where to buy those native species, and the third is a list of where you can get professional help.

MacInnes said the CHA will provide everything property owners will need to do it themselves, or where to find help if they aren't comfortable trying.

"Between the videos stressing the importance and giving an overview on how to actually go about it, and before and after pictures, and those three documents on our website, we're very much hoping we'll have the tools necessary for people to start re-naturalizing their shorelines."

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A fine finish at Katie's Run

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two days after the race, my calf muscles were still shaky and worn-out.

But when I think about the fear and violent seizures that some epilepsy sufferers have to endure, it's easy to forget about my minor bout with a little pain and discomfort following a 10-kilometre run.

On July 20, I decided to lace up my Reebok's and join 152 other participants in the second annual Katie's Run held at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike. In addition to the 10-kilometre challenge, the event featured a 2.5-kilometre walk/run for those who didn't feel like going quite as far.

After writing two articles about epilepsy and the event in previous editions of The Highlander, I knew I just had to be part of this worthwhile cause.

Did I know anyone with epilepsy prior to this event? No.

But because of the stories I've read and the information I've gathered, something inspired me to step out on that windy, picturesque course.

I signed up last-minute, and because of that, found myself struggling to get pledges. Luckily, Facebook came to the rescue in the nick of time: the night before the run, I updated my status in hopes of getting a few online donations. Miraculously, it worked and I hit my \$100 fundraising target before midnight.

Once that happened, I could focus all my thoughts and energy on the run.

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm a fierce competitor. While I understand the importance of having fun and doing your best, I always seem to focus on the end result – and walking away with a medal, trophy or some other form of recognition.

Was I ready for this test of endurance? Well, weekly jogs in our recent heat wave sure didn't hurt. And what about all that cardio and strength training over the past couple of months? All I can say is the pain, sweat and occasional explicit outburst was

worth the investment.

Although I came 13th overall (out of 74 competitors), I managed to rank second place in the category for 20-34-year-olds. With a time of 49 minutes and 41 seconds, I finished just four minutes behind the first place finisher Chris Carito.

Along the route, a couple of participants caught my attention. The first was 13-year-old Liam Taylor, a Toronto resident who cottages in the area with family. It took me nearly three kilometers to catch up to this small but mighty participant.

"I actually didn't do a lot of training," said Taylor after crossing the finishing line. "I was surprised... it was willpower, I guess."

Taylor participated in Katie's Run with his mother, Patricia, who found the event online.

"My mom was searching for runs to do up in this area and she found this," he said.

Taylor stays active in school by participating in track and field and playing soccer. His goal was to finish the run in less than an hour – a feat he accomplished with a time of 52 minutes and 41 seconds.

"I've done flat, simple runs in 30-something minutes," he said, adding that one of the hills wiped him out a bit.

"This kind of kicked me into running mode because I haven't done it in a while."

Then there was Basil McRae, a 52-year-old participant who kept a steady pace throughout the run and managed to finish a mere five seconds ahead of me. The Boshkung Lake cottager came fifth at last year's event.

"A friend of my daughter knows Katie," said McRae, when asked about why he signed up for the event. "So my daughter asked me to do it with her."

In the past, McRae has entered the Boston Marathon as well as marathons in other parts of the world. His next race will be a 30-kilometre trail run.

"I wanted to beat last year's time and I just want to be in the top 10."

McRae said it was a delight to see a group of kids come together to create such an inspiring event.

"We have kids in our community that want



Photo by Mark Arike

Ali Hicks, Julia Fedeski and Abbey McRae stay together as they dash to the finish line.

to help others and that's one reason I come to it," he said.

As long as he's in town, McRae plans on participating in next year's run.

Once all the runners crossed the finish line, several raffle prizes – which were donated by members of the community – were handed out to the lucky winners.

For Katie Woudstra, the local 17-year-old epilepsy sufferer who's name graces the event's banner, it was a picture-perfect morning.

"It's blown my expectations out of the water," said Woudstra. "The support is amazing, especially from family and friends. My brother has about 26 friends here from Waterloo, so that's pretty neat."

Thanks to her medication, Woudstra has been seizure-free for the past 14 months.

"I have a combination of meds that are

working for me, so it's pretty amazing," she said.

According to Trudy Pogue, one of the event organizers, more than \$11,000 was raised for epilepsy research.

"We are thrilled with this result," said Pogue, who pointed out that the grand total is yet to be determined.

Participation in this year's event was up 55 per cent from last year, said Pogue.

"For the 10K, we almost doubled our participation."

Pogue confirmed that the event will be returning to the Highlands next year.

"The committee will be meeting soon to discuss this year's event and what we might do differently next year."

To make a comment or suggestion for the third annual Katie's Run, e-mail info@katiesrun.ca or call 705-448-2709.

Blue Rodeo frontmen coming to town for flood concert

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Some big music names have stepped up to help Minden flood victims.

On Aug. 3, Blue Rodeo's own Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor will be headlining a concert appropriately titled "After the Flood". The event will take place – rain or shine – at the Kinmount Fairgrounds.

"Minden is a great place with good people and it's suffered an unfortunate natural disaster," said Keelor. "It's frustrating that government money is so hard to come by, but we're happy to do this to initiate a bit of that government money to help the people affected by the flood."

Keelor and Cuddy started Blue Rodeo, an award-winning Canadian country rock band,

in the 1980s. Both play guitar and do lead vocals for the band.

Although this will be their first time performing at the Kinmount Fairgrounds, Keelor and the rest of the group aren't strangers to the Highlands. Keelor has been coming to the Minden area for the past 40 years.

"My parents bought a cottage there in 1960," he said. "I went up there every summer until I was 18."

He eventually purchased his own cottage near Minden, which he visits as often as he can.

Keelor recalled a show Blue Rodeo put on at the Dysart arena 20 years ago.

"That was a pretty funny show," he laughed. "There was a lot of snow and they were having a snowmobile show. There was so much snow in the parking lot that there

weren't any cars."

After all these years of working together, Keelor and Cuddy have experienced both good and bad times.

"Like any sort of relationship that's gone on so long, there's always ups and downs. There are times when we've been at each other's throats and there are times when we're totally inspired by each other."

The upcoming concert will also feature fellow bandmate Michael Boguski (keyboard) and backup musician Colin Cripps (guitar and backup vocals). Cuff the Duke, a Canadian act from Oshawa, will open up the show.

According to Sean Pennylegion of the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS), the concert was organized by a group of local individuals and is being presented by the HCFS.

"This is being held under the auspices of the Folk Society," said Pennylegion. "A group of people led by Neil Campbell are putting on the concert."

He added that the organization is proud to support all types of music in the Highlands, and lend their help and expertise to groups offering musical experiences in the area.

"The Folk Society has established a pretty sophisticated operation now. We've been at this for a long time and there are a bunch of people involved in the Folk Society who know what they're doing."

Pennylegion said that at last count, approximately 1,200 tickets had been sold for the event.

Tickets for the 6 p.m. concert are \$45 each. To see if tickets are still available visit www.madeinhaliburton.ca or call 705-457-1009.

Highlander life

Historical Stanhope

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Despite a scare the day before, the sun came out and graced organizers of the Stanhope Heritage Day with perfect weather for their event.

Norma Goodger, Heritage Day coordinator, said it was a spectacular day.

"The demonstrators reported they were very pleased with the involvement and participation of the visitors," she said. "They felt people were extremely engaged in their demonstrations."

The visitors were stopping to ask questions, and some wanted to know how they could get involved in different arts or hobbies.

While participation from adults remained consistent with last year's numbers, Goodger said more kids came through than in years past.

According to numbers submitted by Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt, 731 paying adults attended the event. They sold 100 jars of the now-famous Stanhope marmalade, and had 41 demonstrators attend the show.

"We had no hitches, everything went really smoothly," Goodger said.

This is the 11th year for the event.

"The challenge [for next year] is we need more volunteers in advanced preparation," she said. "There is lots of behind the scenes



work putting the event together. We need new people and new ideas to come forward."

If you're interested in volunteering for next

year's event, contact the Stanhope Heritage Fair's chairperson, Betty Moffatt, at info@stanhopemuseum.on.ca.

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Steve Smith showcases his old mining artifacts during the Stanhope Heritage Day.



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Clockwise from top left: A young girl gets her face painted at Stanhope Heritage Day. Elinor Hamilton demonstrates rush weaving for onlookers. Bob Mann of Highlands Printing prints kids' names on the Stanhope Gazette using an antique printing press. A great horned owl is brought out to play much to the delight of children and adults alike.



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What'sUp

Nature's Place: What's in the name?

"It's time to move forward," said Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek, talking recently about the name and directional change of the former R.D. Lawrence Place, now called Nature's Place. "It's the idea of new directions, building on what's already been done."

While deflecting flack over the controversy surrounding the discontinuation of the original name and purpose of the building, Levstek has moved with boundless energy and enthusiasm in repurposing the straw bale building, which is part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Nature's Place as a name gives a good idea of what you can mainly expect from the building as far as programming and exhibitions are concerned, but there are some very human elements as well. Faces of Change is an exhibit which will pay tribute to people who have made significant contributions to environmental awareness. The tribute to R.D. Lawrence will be the only permanent exhibit. At the present time joining Lawrence are tributes to David Suzuki and Canadian geologist and photographer Sir William Logan. He was responsible for mapping coal deposits in Canada, and he started the Canadian Geological Survey. Logan has a connection to our area through his association in Nova Scotia with Judge

Haliburton, after whom our county is named.

"Without this display county residents would not necessarily know anything about Logan," Levstek said.

But Nature's Place is primarily geared towards a living history applied to our natural world. In Haliburton we are in a feathered zone called The Land Between, where we get the best, environmentally, of the Canadian Shield and the more southerly limestone-based ecosystems. The Land Between gets its own gallery area, and currently a movie of The Land Between is running in a small room dedicated to videos.

There's also a feature exhibition area which has had some popular exhibits, ranging from bears, coyotes and bats to the upcoming Understanding Wetlands exhibit. There is another area devoted to controversial hot topics, such as valuable information on species at risk.

Nature's Discovery Gallery is an area mainly for the small fry which contains tactile activities like sand boxes, animal puzzles, drawing and painting implements, games, and books for kids. "It's a way to get them more interested in what they're seeing," Levstek explained.

There are also beautiful cases in which the minerals and gems of Haliburton County are displayed to their best

advantage. And there are other exhibits which show such things as a huge moose head skeleton and those from smaller mammals.

"This is just the beginning," said Levstek. "We've got our foundation and the idea is to not become stagnant but to grow with new knowledge and develop partnerships with environmental organizations."

Levstek has certainly been busy. He's been to several similar facilities in Ontario, Quebec and in the United States to obtain programming ideas, and he's establishing solid relationships with outfits such as the David Suzuki Foundation, Greenpeace, and The Royal Ontario Museum.

One of Levstek's main challenges as curator of the Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place is trying to smoothly incorporate those two entities into the other facilities which make up the Minden Hills Cultural Centre; namely the library and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The library is really a unit unto itself, but with the gallery, the museum, and Nature's Place there is a real opportunity to establish a cohesive and extensive cultural experience for the visitor, one that can include the adjacent boardwalk through the wetlands.

In a perfect scenario, a visitor could go

to the gallery to see the type of landscape art created by artists who have captured our

environment in oils and acrylics, move on to the museum to see how early residents coped with that environment, before going to Nature's Place, where they can learn about the state of our environment today.

"The idea is that people learn something here and can then go right out and experience it first-hand on the boardwalk, or in places like the Dahl Forest," Levstek explained.

Nature's Place is about having fun, but also about education. Education starts with the young, so mom and dad, be sure to check out Nature's Place-Econauts. It's a summer children's program where instructors guide participants through a number of hands-on interactive activities designed to expand their understanding of the natural world.

Nature's Place is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 705-286-2298 for more information.



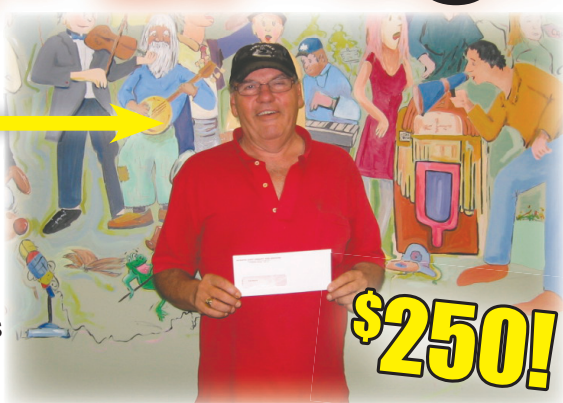
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Above: The Haliburton Rockettes lead a line dancing workshop in Head Lake Park. Right: Participants follow the steps of The Haliburton Rockettes, a group of local line dancers.



Line dancing helps seniors stay active

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

You could say they're dancing the years away.

The seven members of The Haliburton Rockettes are between the ages of 60 and 90, but numbers aren't holding them back from remaining youthful.

"It keeps you active," said Olive Smith, an 89-year-old member of the group who served in the Second World War. "You can't sit at home and fade away. You've got to mix with people and be social."

The Haliburton resident has also been participating in Scottish dancing on Monday nights.

"I can't complain," said Smith, who is grateful to be mobile at her age.

The local group gets together every Thursday morning at Heritage Ballet in Haliburton to work on their line dancing steps. Afterwards, many of them also go to the Kosy Komer for a snack and some social time.

Last week, they put on a special workshop as part of the Dusk Dances events in Head Lake Park.

"It's fun and I love to dance," said Ellen Timmins, who coordinates the group's activities. "You have to have a love of dance to do this."

Although the group is currently made up of seniors, Timmins points out that everyone is welcome.

"We've had men join us and young people, too," she said.

Local resident Verna Bird has been dancing with The Rockettes for the past five years.

"It's just fun and it's a bit of exercise," said Bird, adding that the dances aren't difficult to learn. "We have cards that the steps are written down on."

Bird said she plans to continue line dancing "as long as they [the group] keep it going."

There are no membership fees to join the group, however each class costs \$3 per week.

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Left: Local performers Nicole Manary, Erin Lynch, Elisha Barlow and Kate Franklin show off their moves in Dance of the Derbygirls. Top: Dan Watson hosts the seventh annual Dusk Dances in Head Lake Park. Above: Brodie Stevenson and Brendan Wyatt establish a connection in Crepuscular.

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Delightful Dusk Dances in Head Lake Park



By Mark Arike
Staff writer

For the seventh year in a row, Dusk Dances brought a mixed bag of dance entertainment to Haliburton's Head Lake Park.

The performances, which were held on July 18, 20 and 21, included five different dances - two of which were choreographed by local residents Jordyn Brown and Daniela Pagliaro. The others featured performers from outside of Haliburton County, many of whom are professional dancers and choreographers.

The closing dance, titled "Crepuscular", featured a variety of projected images that created an added visual effect around the performers.

Local band Ragged Company performed prior to the event and dance workshops were made available to the public at no cost.

The July 19 show was cancelled due to wet ground conditions.

Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Meredith Thompson lunges out towards the audience in The Horologium. Above: Seamus Jarrett-Lynch, centre, and a group of young local dancers perform in Checkmate. Left: Brendan Wyatt and Yvonne Ng embrace in Onward Ho, my love.



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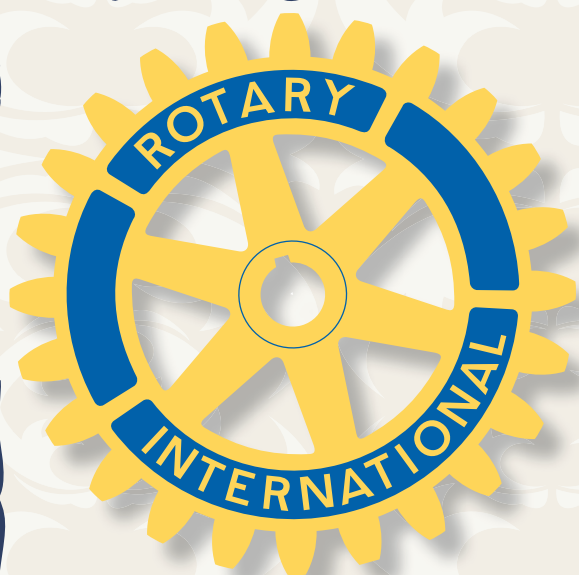
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Local reporter returns to the stage

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They've come to know me as the "man in the chair".

It's certainly not a role that's going to get me much stage time or the Academy Award for best actor – but at least I'll get my 15 minutes of local fame.

When Jack Brezina approached me about taking a part in the Highlands Summer Festival's production of *The Sunshine Boys*, I was hesitant to accept the offer. It wasn't about the money – all cast members volunteer their time to appear on the stage. My primary concern was a lack of time.

Every weekend in the Highlands seems to be jam-packed with events, so as you can imagine it's quite a gamble for this reporter to spend 2.5 hours of a Saturday in rehearsal.

With a few choice words and a significant amount of arm twisting, the president of the Summer Festival sucked me in. I was told my lines would be minimal and that I wouldn't even have to attend all of the rehearsals.

When I saw the script, I felt pretty good about my lines.

"Ahhh."

"Ahhh!"

"Ahhh!"

And that's half the role right there! I felt a great sense of relief – until I took a closer look at the script and realized that local actor David Mills, who plays the role of Willie Clark, would be shoving an oversized tongue

depressor in my mouth.

At my first rehearsal, I was informed that the stick wouldn't actually go down my throat. Mills was going to stand in front of me so that it would appear as if I was swallowing the stick. Throw in some convincing choking sounds and you've got the perfect optical illusion.

For those who haven't seen the play or watched the film, *The Sunshine Boys* is a comedy that was written by Neil Simon. The play shines the spotlight on Al Lewis (Glen Carter) and Clark, a one-time vaudeville team known as "Lewis and Clark", who grew to hate each during their 40-odd years on stage together. When they appear in *The Sunshine Boys*, the year is 1972 and the television station CBS invites them to reunite for a special on the history of comedy. Throughout the play, the two bicker and engage in shenanigans guaranteed to generate audience laughter.

This week I'll head into a dress rehearsal on the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage. I'm not feeling those butterflies yet, but I'm sure that will change come opening night.

Actually, now that I think about, I'm a trained veteran. Does anyone remember my cameo in the 2010 production of Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest*? As a dead person, I had to sit completely still for 20 minutes and couldn't even say one word!

Ahh, the price some of us pay for fame and glory.



Photos by Mark Arike

Willie Clark (David Mills) listens to Al Lewis's (Glen Carter) heartbeat in this amusing scene.

Don't miss the opening night of *The Sunshine Boys* on July 29 at 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show runs until Aug. 9.

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**Note: I will fill the role of the man in the chair for the first four nights, while Steve Galea will sit in the hot seat for the final five performances.*

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Fibre artist part of tour since day one

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Marty Gryciuk was only three years old when she learned how to knit.

"Mom and grandma taught me how to knit and I knit all my Barbie dolls," said Gryciuk, who is one of 20 artists on this year's Tour de Forest. "When my little sister was born, I was the one that knit all her clothes."

And ever since then, the Haliburton resident has surrounded herself with fibre.

Early in her career as an artist, Gryciuk knitted designs for a top yarn manufacturer in Canada. She then moved on to design her own patterns.

"I just started having fun with textures and colours," she said.

When Gryciuk became acquainted with the Haliburton School of the Arts over 10 years ago, she knew she had found something special.

"My very first course was hand-spinning," she recalled.

Over the years, Gryciuk has enrolled herself in a number of fibre-based courses at the college. She's currently finishing up her hands-on studies in the master spinner program.

And it's due to this program that Gryciuk began working with a material new to her: dog fur.

"Winterdance [Dogsled Tours] and I have

a bit of a thing going," she explained. "They supply me with a lot of the husky fur and I have two Great Pyrenees dogs who supply me with a lot more."

After graduating high school, Gryciuk read an article about a woman who spun dog fur. Ever since then she wanted to try it.

"You'd be surprised by what you get. It's beautiful material – fluffy, nice and soft."

So far, she's knitted the fur into hats, mitts, scarves and socks.

"It's a very expensive fibre once it's spun. So I try to use it more for the trim. That way the cost of the article isn't so high."

Gryciuk also likes to use a variety of exotic textile fibres in the accessories she creates.

"I use all the different types of wool, but I like the exotics like silk, cashmere, merino... I'd like to say I like the muskox, but it's too expensive for me."

This local artist, who also owns Marty's Health Foods in Haliburton with her husband Rolf, uses nature dyes on all the fibre she spins.

"I dye the fibres I use for spinning using nature dyes and ecologically-friendly dyes. Sometimes I will do some creative dyeing and I am not sure what I will end up with until I spin it."

This will be Gryciuk's seventh year on the Tour de Forest. She will be one of three featured guest artists at Jane Selbie's fabric studio.



Photo by Mark Arike

Marty Gryciuk holds a hat she knitted, which includes touches of fur from her Great Pyrenees dogs. Gryciuk is one of the featured artists on this year's Tour de Forest.

Gryciuk says this tour provides her exposure as an artist and always leaves her inspired.

"You get ideas from other artists, even if it's just by seeing pottery. The way the glaze is sometimes... you can see that same sort of

design on a hat. I think we expand each other by working together."

This year's tour takes place from Aug. 3 to 4, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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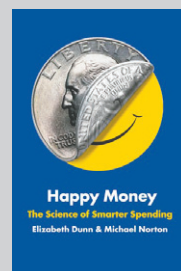
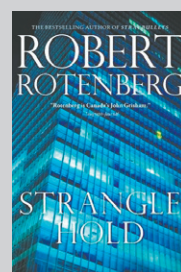
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2. *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini
3. *The Hit* by David Baldacci
4. *The 100-year-old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson
5. *Inferno* by Dan Brown

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Happy Money: the science of smarter spending* by Elizabeth Dunn and Michael Norton
2. *The Queen of Katwe: a story of life, chess, and one extraordinary girl's rise from an African slum* by Tim Crothers
3. *Nicole Kidman* by Lucy Ellis
4. *Waiting to be Heard: a memoir* by Amanda Knox
5. *The Total Fishing Manual* by Joe Cerniele

New to our top holds list is Elizabeth Dunn and Michael Norton's *Happy Money: the science of smarter spending*, a book which argues "if you think money can't buy happiness, you're not spending it right."

Dunn and Norton explain how you can get more out of your money by following five principles, like choosing experiences over stuff and spending money on others. For an affordable experience in your hometown visit your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library to request *Happy Money* or any of the 45,000 volumes in the collection.

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Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: Two festival goers enjoy the bluegrass performance on stage. Above: The Barn Katz perform. Left: Jan Purcell & Pine Road guitarist plays for the crowd.

Bluegrass tunes in Minden

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The pickers were out in Minden last weekend for the third annual Bluegrass Festival.

Hosted by the Minden Rotary Club, the Minden Kin Club, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 and the Minden Agricultural Society, the festival was a big success according to Dennis Casey, who is the event's lead.

"In terms of how the patrons felt, we got the most rave reviews we've had over the two previous years," Casey, a Rotarian, said. "They liked the lineup, for sure."

The festival was held at the Minden Fairgrounds from July 19 to 21.

This year's bands included Shadow River, Ducharme Family Bluegrass, Barn Katz, The Tebworth Brothers, Dusty Drifters, Jan Purcell & Pine Road, Canucky Bluegrass Boys, Unseen Strangers, and Georgian Blue.

"Half the bands we had there this year are all award-winning bands, or the lead singer won top vocalist of the year," he said.

Although attendance was on par with last year, Casey said the organizers are happy with how it went. They had over 100 trailers parked for the festival, some of which arrived at the beginning of the week.

"We're happy," he said. "I would say we made a bit of money, not a lot, but the economic impact to the community there is quite significant."

Now that this year's festival has wrapped up, organizers are taking the month off before they evaluate what they'd like to do differently for next year's event. In the meantime, they've already started filling the roster for 2014 with four bands already booked.

"Between now and the end of November we'll try to get the rest of the bands confirmed," Casey said. "That's one thing I'll do over the winter. If there's a band none of us has heard, I'll jump in the truck and go listen to them."

The majority of funds raised between the four Bluegrass Festival partners will remain in Minden.

Down our Road

Cranky old woman



By Sharon Lynch

"I hate sounding like a cranky old woman," stated Sylvia with a combination shrug and frown. She and Jean were walking through her gardens, the late afternoon sun streaming golden around them. The day had been hot and now with a slight breeze, it was once again bearable to be outside. For days the heat had been like a fist around Jean's body, squeezing out moisture, breath and energy. Such an extreme summer, the two women agreed.

Jean was surprised by Sylvia's words. Cranky and old were relative and loaded with innuendo. Jean looked sideways at her friend, eyebrows raised and inviting a further explanation.

First Sylvia set the scene. "I love hiking the Bruce Trail," she began. "It was a gorgeous day, not too hot and I was going with a group of friends and friends of friends. They all seemed like a pretty aware bunch and we seemed to have much in common as we made our way through some beautiful scenery." Then Sylvia sighed. And sighed again.

She continued. "After a while I noticed several of my new hiking companions were wearing some gizmo clipped to their jackets. I was about to ask what it was when one of the women remarked on how pleasant it was to be outdoors but not bothered by the bugs."

Then Sylvia learned what the 'gizmos' were and why there were no pesky mosquitoes or flies. With each step taken the little contraptions were discharging a small puff of insect repellent, keeping the bugs at bay.

Silent and virtually invisible, the unobtrusive gadget appeared to be doing its job. Below a robin's egg sky, the men and women hiked over trails that opened to gorgeous vistas. Birdsong carried on a gentle breeze rose up to Sylvia and she loved the feel of the sun on her face and bare arms. No swatting necessary today.

"I thought I might like one of those things they were wearing," she told Jean. "It was wonderful to enjoy being outside like that and be totally free of biting, buzzing critters." Jean silently agreed with this pleasant scene. She also liked spending time trekking about and despite her best choice of clothing, she invariably ended up with

itchy spots of all sizes and locations.

Sylvia continued. "So next time I was in the store I went looking for the magic puffer, as I was calling it." Now Jean was really interested. This sounded like just the thing for her as well. "I found it. It was with the other repellents and insecticides." Now Jean began to feel a weight descending. She knew there was more to come.

Sylvia read the label. "It said the stuff was toxic to honey bees and aquatic life."

"No way!" came Jean's response. "That's no good for outdoors."

"Thank you Jean," Sylvia responded with a pat on her friend's back. This was the first time Jean had seen her friend lose the frown since their conversation had started. "Your response is not what I heard from the others however."

The sun was lower now, sending trailing shadows through the birch trees that circled Sylvia's property. The birds, quiet in the heat of the day, were now clustered around the feeders. Cardinals had appeared for the first time this year and Sylvia pointed out the female's subdued colour except for her bright red beak. Jean had never seen these birds this far north until now.

"So what did you do?" she asked her friend as they headed back to Sylvia's kitchen for tea and cake.

"Well I bumped into two hikers at the grocery store last week and told them what the label said. They just made a face at me and said they'd be using the stuff anyway. It made hiking much more enjoyable."

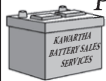
"That's when I felt like a cranky old woman, like I was making a big deal out of nothing important just to be cantankerous." Sylvia looked at Jean and they both shook their heads.

"Needless to say, I won't be hiking with them anymore."

They stretched out their legs and leaned back in Sylvia's deck chairs. The spice cake she had made was sitting comfortably in their stomachs and the aromatic tea wafted up from big thick mugs. Through the calm air of early evening, Jean watched a hummingbird dipping into Sylvia's fragrant bee balm. Perhaps, they both agreed, the world needed as many cranky old women as it could get.

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The ComputerGuy Take a leap



By David Spaxman

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In movies like Iron Man and Minority Report, characters reach out and move virtual objects around in mid-air with their hands, sending windows and images sailing through 3-D space without touching a keyboard or controller.

That future is now here.

The new Leap Motion controller, which starts shipping pre-orders this week and costs \$80, is the first commercial gadget that will bring some of that Hollywood magic to laptops and desktops. The screen is still two-dimensional for now, but fingers and hands are free to poke, grab and flick in 3-D to move through applications.

Optimally, the Leap controller sits about an inch in front of the keyboard lined up with the middle of the computer screen. Its sensors can pick up movement as far as two feet up in the air and two feet out from each side of the device, creating an invisible oblong field for moving your hands around.

The Mac and Windows-compatible controller plugs into a USB port and is remarkably small, close in size to a pack of gum. The half-inch tall and three-inch long rectangle is also impressively light, weighing in at a tenth of a pound.

Leap has been working with developers to create apps specifically for the controller. To buy new apps, you are taken to the web-based Airspace store where they are sorted by category or platform. Windows users can install Unlock, which lets you unlock your computer by waving your hand above the controller. It recognizes your unique hand

shape and uses it as a password.

Using the Leap to navigate this added dimension has its challenges.

Gestures are not unified across all apps. Scrolling might be a forward circular motion with a single finger in one app, and left to right in another. Apps include instructions, but getting the feel for each one takes time. The Leap works best when your hands are parallel to the desk. If a hand is too vertical, the sensors can't pick out individual fingers.

The Leap sensors are extremely sensitive. This is great for when you want to make small precise movements, but maddeningly finicky when you're just trying to do something simple like select a button.

In the app Frog Dissection, pinning a virtual amphibian to a table to dissect it requires a steady hand. Keeping your arms and hands very still, a requirement in many programs to select something on the screen, is harder and more tiring than it looks.

The Leap Motion controller is a promising foray into desktop 3-D gesture control. The technology feels like the rough first draft of something that will grow more polished over time. It's still young and will hopefully improve as developers pinpoint the best ways to use it.

The Leap is a curiosity worth watching. But for now, don't ditch your keyboard and mouse.

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Highlander technology

AH social media policy passes unanimously

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands is higher on the hip list with the adoption of a social media policy.

The policy is intended to guide staff on social media use in and outside the workplace, govern the township's social media participation and provide protocols for establishing and maintaining its social media sites.

"We want people to be loud and proud about their jobs," says Reeve Carol Moffatt. "If you've got a problem, use the proper channels. Don't default to criticizing your job, your colleagues or your employers on social media. If you've got a problem, we want to hear about it but you need to use the right channels."

"We're not trying to shut social media down to staff, we're just trying to give

them guidelines on how to best use it,"

Moffatt adds. "And it certainly makes sense in this day and age. So much is done by social media... people have said to me that through Twitter and Facebook they feel much more connected to the business of the township than they have in the past because we're speaking in their preferred forum."

Chief administrative officer (CAO) Angie Bird reviewed policies from several municipalities in developing the policy. It covers areas such as management responsibility, site administration, content control, personal use outside

the workplace, and privacy.

Under the policy the township reserves the right to monitor employee activities on its information systems, including the internet, and the policy applies even if an employee's posting is anonymous.

If content is deemed to be inappropriate or does not adhere to the policy, the CAO must be made aware of it. This includes content such as postings that include personal information about others without their consent and information that could compromise the safety and security of the public or public systems. The township may report suspected unlawful conduct to the appropriate law

We want people to be loud and proud about their jobs... If you've got a problem, use the proper channels. Don't default to criticizing your job.

Carol Moffatt

Algonquin Highlands, reeve

enforcement authorities.

If employees post municipal information in a personal capacity, they must use a disclaimer that the views and opinions posted are not necessarily those of the township. Posting certain content to personal pages will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. That content includes anything that violates the Criminal Code of Canada and/or the Ontario Human Rights Code and discriminatory statements or sexual innuendos involving or against another staff member or a councillor.

Use of social media by volunteers will be guided by relevant language from the policy that is being added to a new volunteer policy draft. Councillors will have a social media code of conduct.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Irondale River Structural Culvert Replacement Environmental Assessment Study W.P. 4128-10-01

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **McCormick Rankin (MRC)** to undertake an Environmental Assessment Study for the replacement of the Irondale River culvert under Highway 118, west of Loves Road in Haliburton County (W.P. 4128-10-01).

THE PROCESS

This study is being carried out in accordance with the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public consultation throughout the project.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed works, including potential impacts and proposed mitigation. Newspaper notices will be published to advise of the date, time and location of the PIC. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed with the Ministry of Environment for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR can be reviewed.

COMMENTS

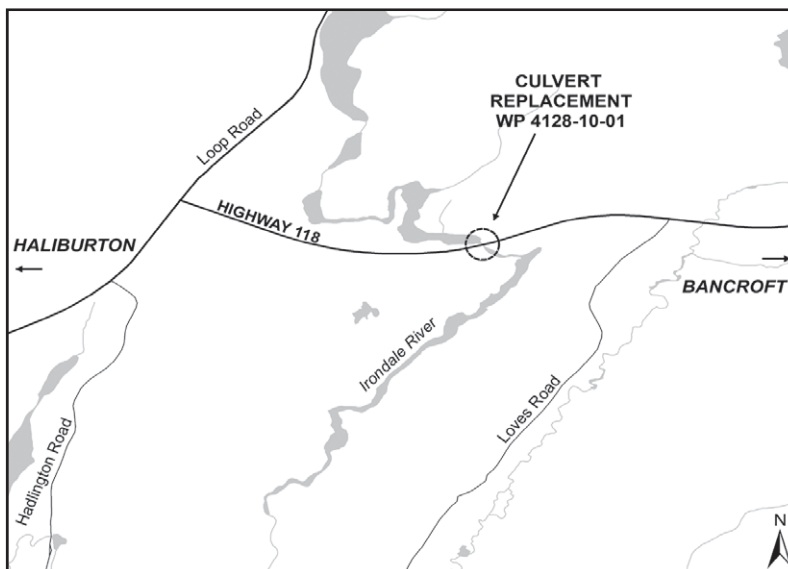
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Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le (613) 736-7200 poste 3248, auprès de Carmen Lapointe, courriel : clapointe@mrc.ca.



Dorset tower internet project stalls out

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Progress on developing high-speed Internet service from the Dorset Lookout Tower has slowed and could soon come to a halt.

In June 2012, Dorset-based Highlands Internet Service Ltd. presented a proposal for the service to Algonquin Highlands council. The work hasn't started and council has now set an August deadline for resolution of the issue.

At the time, Highlands Internet said its subscribers in the Kawagama Lake area were requesting even more bandwidth and Bell Canada, the company's supplier, had indicated it could not provide more.

The next option was to route service from Huntsville via the Dorset tower. That option would also expand the service range in the township, and the company offered to supply service to the tower gift shop and a future tower webcam.

Council approved a 90-day trial period and brought in a consultant to measure receiver degradation (very minimal). The township forwarded a draft agreement to Highlands Internet in July 2012 along with a request to cover the consultant's \$250 fee.

Several communications between the parties have taken place since then to amend the agreement, but no communications have been received since March, according to township staff.

Council has now asked Highlands Internet to submit a signed tower lease agreement and the \$250 fee by Aug. 19.

Highlander sports

'Grape King' readies himself for the track

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Most people know him as "The Grape King".

But after 12 years away from the race track, Curtis Fielding will be hopping back into the driver's seat to satisfy his need for speed.

"I like the speed, I like the competition and I just like working the car and pushing it right to its extreme limit to see how fast it will go," said Fielding, who grew up in Minden and spends time in the area to this day.

Fielding and his family own and operate the award-winning Fielding Estate Winery in Beamsville. Last year, he was named the 56th "Grape King" for excellence in viticulture.

While Fielding's career at the family business is a top priority, he felt it

was time to fit in some laps around the track. An experienced driver, Fielding developed a passion for cars and speed in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I guess growing up here in Minden and Haliburton, I did a lot of snowmobiling with a lot of my friends," he explained. "We did a lot of radar runs on the weekend. I kind of got the need for speed then."

As a youngster, he drove around Minden's ice track at night when he wasn't supposed to. Around the

age of 17, he entered the Ontario Legends Series with his father Ken.

"We started in the Legends Series, which travels all over Ontario. I raced in Florida and New York as well with that. I then went to college, graduated college and went and worked on a full-time race team down in Samia. I raced at the same time as well. It was a lot of fun and a lot of work."

Despite taking all the necessary safety precautions, Fielding has experienced his fair share of collisions.

"I've had some spectacular crashes, to say the least. But I've never gotten seriously hurt, which has been good."

On Sept. 1, Fielding will be joining Kerry Micks of Micks Motorsport and Mark Dilley in the NASCAR

Canadian Tire Series race at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park in Clarington, On.

There he'll be reaching speeds of 170 miles per hour "in the draft, down the back stretch." His vehicle: a 2009 Ford Fusion stock car.


Fielding hopes to expand his 2014 schedule to include more NASCAR Canadian Tire Series races and possibly other races in the U.S. and Canada.

"I'm aiming for some wins, or at least respectable placings," he said.

For now, Fielding and his team are looking for sponsors interested in getting their name on the car. To find out more visit www.fieldingracing.com.

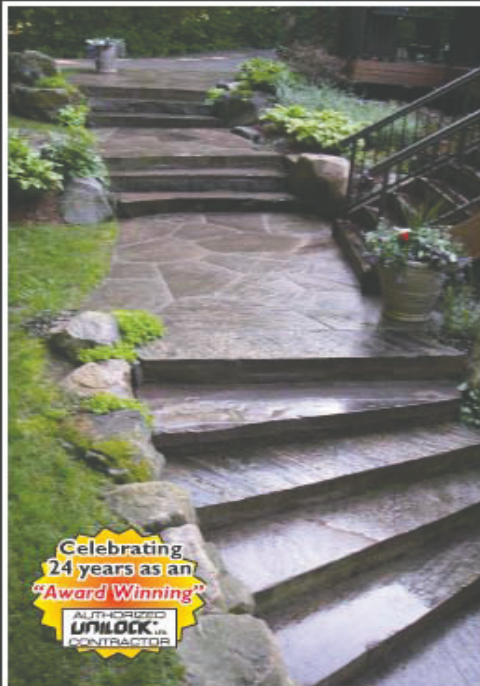



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Highlander sports

Thurston to enter Southern Ontario Open



Photo by Warren Riley

Chase Thurston contemplates his next shot.

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

After a year off the course due to a shoulder injury, Haliburton's golf professional, Chase Thurston, will be entering the July 30 Southern Ontario Open (SOO) at Hidden Lake Golf Club in Burlington.

Thurston's injury has been a setback for him, but with perseverance he is now returning to golf full-time. His plans are to play in five or six events this summer with hopes that people will notice his return to professional golf.

"I have been getting ready for this event and right now I have been getting a lot of practice in and I'm just looking forward to it," he said. "If I can go out there and get a good start, I think I'll do quite well."

Ranked as one of the top 20 professional golf players in 2009-10 by the Future Collegians World Tour (FCWT) in the United States, Thurston is one of only three Canadians to have received the prestigious All-American Award.

"I do take pride in that award as the FCWT is the biggest tour in the world," he continued. "People travel from many

countries to play in this tour and I think it's great."

When Thurston was 12 years old, his mentor was Canadian professional golfer Mike Weir who won the US Masters in Augusta in 2003. That year, he became serious about competitive golf.

"I looked up to Weir at this young age. I'm a left-handed player and small and so is Weir. So I figured if he can become a professional so can I. So that was what really gave me the confidence to get better."

Thurston takes his golf seriously, practicing up to nine hours each day.

"I knew that this was the year to gain that strength back and start playing competitively on a consistent basis," he said. "That's the biggest thing to be able to compete week in and week out. That's how you make money on the PGA tour."

Confident about his current standing, Thurston says he will continue to excel in the sport.

"I'm in a good spot right now. I'm young and only 22 years old. I have a bright future ahead of me and I know I'm in the right place at the right time and I know everything will work out just fine for me."

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Highlander events

Friends from the farm visit Minden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Part of the farm came to town for Make It Minden on July 17.

The weekly evening event, which was held at Minden Mercantile & Feed Company, featured farm animals such as miniature horses, goats and baby chickens. Kids were also able to learn about how horseshoes are fitted to a horse's foot.

Other groups that were part of the event included the Haliburton County Farmers' Association and the Haliburton County Fair Board.

Make It Minden events take place every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Minden.

For more information call Lynda Litwin at 705-286-2911 ext. 235.

Photos by Mark Arike

Right: Solomon Dicks nails a horseshoe to a board. Top right: Tyler Hughes takes a close look at the baby chicks. Bottom right: Jill Pearce pets the miniature horses.

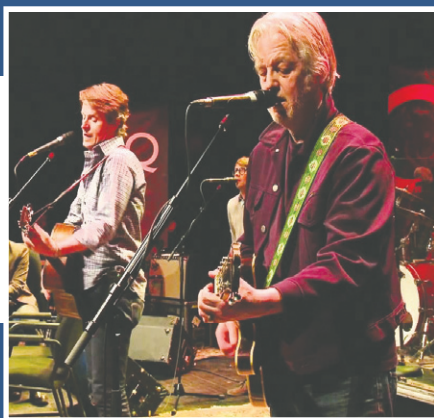


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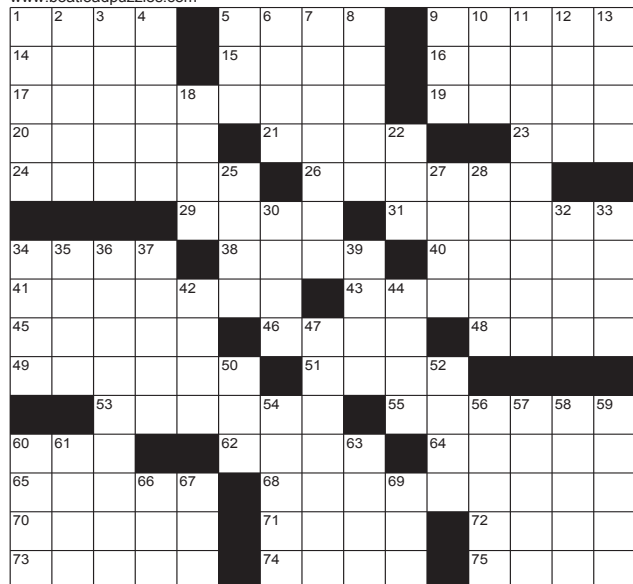
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65. Burn slightly
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75. Forest creature

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5. America's uncle
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12. Scrapes by
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JULY & AUGUST 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

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Rotary Charity Golf Classic – Contact HHHSF at 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580, foundation@hhhs.on.ca		Haliburton Art & Craft Festival – Head Lake Park, 12-6 p.m.		Chicken and Rib BBQ – Curling Club. Draw prizes and silent auction. Call Melissa at HHOA for tickets, 705-457-9664.	
Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting , 1 p.m.		Rails End Art Attacks for Kids – Rails End, 1:30-3 p.m.		Haliburton Art & Craft Festival – Head Lake Park, 10-6 p.m.	
				HCSA Golf Tournament – Lakeside Golf Club in West Guilford, tee off 1 p.m.	
				Haliburton Highlands Museum's annual fundraising book sale – 66 Museum Rd, 10-4 p.m.	
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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
Joyful Noisemakers – Minden United Church, 11 a.m., summer lunch to follow.				Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m.	
Haliburton Art & Craft Festival – Head Lake Park, 10-4 p.m.				Rails End Art Attacks for Kids – Rails End, 11-12:30 p.m.	
				Contract Bridge – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305.	
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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SUNDAY	
		Music by the Gull – Northern Jam, traditional and country group, 7 p.m. until dusk. Bring a lawn chair!		Pancake breakfast and bake sale – St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake, 9-11:30 a.m. Tickets available at door.	
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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Legion's annual golf tournament, August 10 at Haliburton Highlands Golf Club. 85th anniversary celebration party, August 17th.		Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch Menu Feature every Monday to Thursday, noon to 2 p.m. Seniors Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday at lunch Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday at lunch and 5 to 7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.		Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Community Care 55+ lunch, Friday. Call Gwen at 705-448-2106. Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake and sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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A heritage bike ride through the Highlands

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

History, nature and exercise were bundled together in one package at the fourth annual Stanhope Heritage Cycling Tour.

The July 21 event was hosted by Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT).

"It's the only bike ride Friends of the Rail Trail does," said Pamela Marsales, chairperson of FoRT. "We do it because it's a flat, shady route similar to riding the [Haliburton County] Rail Trail."

Marsales came up with the idea for the ride after coming across the Stanhope Heritage Driving Tour book – which is available at the Stanhope Museum.

"When I first saw this [magazine] I

thought, 'hey, I've biked one of those routes,'" she said. "So that's where I got the idea."

Marsales said the event is designed to encourage "lapsed or novice" riders of all ages to get back on their bike.

About 10 people participated in the ride, which started at Buttermilk Falls and went along Boshkung Lake Road, down and around Buckslide Road and finished at the meeting place. A picnic was held by the rapids after the ride.

According to their website, FoRT is a community organization interested in promoting history, nature and access to public greenspace in the Haliburton Highlands.

The annual tour is always held on the third Sunday in July.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Cyclists unite by the rapids before heading out for their 10-kilometre ride. Above: Aiden Perrott and Jayden van Luik-Brohman give the Stanhope Heritage Cycling Tour two thumbs up.

Highlander events

Men in high heels to walk Haliburton streets

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

Have you ever fancied strolling in public wearing a pair of shiny red high heels?

I'm talking to the guys now. If so, here's your chance.

The Walk A Mile In Her Shoes fundraiser is coming to Haliburton Village.

Granting permission to the YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton to hold the event in Head Lake Park on Oct. 19, Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey and council members expressed their wholehearted support for the fun fundraiser with a serious message.

"There is no question about us giving the event our blessing," said Fearrey. "It is important to bring violence against women to the attention of the public and raise money to help combat it and assist those who suffer from it."

Sarah Adams, resource development coordinator for the YWCA, thanked the council for its support after outlining the event – a one-mile walk on which men wear high-heeled shoes to show that they stand tall

against violence to women – and gave details of the work that the organization has done to date.

"These walks are vital to ensure that we can continue to help women-at-risk," she said. "Last year in Peterborough we raised over \$70,000 and in Minden we totalled \$16,500."

At the Minden event there were 65 walkers and over 100 spectators. Adams hopes to top that this year in Haliburton.

"The shelter in Minden is very busy at the moment, helping a number of women who are at risk," she said. "Local shelters such as this one are very important because

they enable women to stay in their own community, which in turn allows them to keep their jobs and their children to remain in school."

Adams concluded by thanking council again and explaining that she hopes to make the walk a recurring event, alternating its location between Haliburton and Minden annually.

The reeve, his deputy and councillors Casey, Pogue and McKechnie would not be drawn on whether they'd be donning high heels for the event.

There is no question about us giving the event our blessing.

Murray Fearrey
Dysart et al reeve

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The annual Minden 150 "Ride for Relief" is returning to the Haliburton Highlands this August 9th and 10th. Powered by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition and Gran Fondo Canada, funds raised by riders support the Share the Road Cycling Coalition and their work to enhance cycling in communities across Ontario.

This year proceeds from the "Ride for Relief" will also support those directly impacted by the floods that devastated the area this spring.

Starting on Friday, August 9th: Bring the family to the Minden Community Centre and Fairgrounds from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a family-friendly, fun, safe and educational bike path ride for kids 12 years of age and under. Learn about safe cycling, bike maintenance and enjoy a BBQ and exciting prizes!

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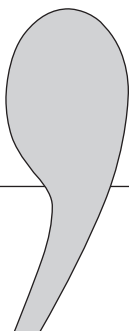
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Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, July 25, 2013 from 4 - 7 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday morning, July 26, 2013 at 11 o'clock (Visitation 1 hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. Interment St. Stephens Cemetery, Boshkung. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolences can be made at www.communityfuneralhomes.com



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Highlander events

Clowning around in Wilberforce penny raffle

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Who said pennies weren't good for anything?

There are adults and kids alike who will tell you different after the Gigantic Penny Raffle on July 20 at the arena in Wilberforce.

Kathy Rogers, organizer for the event, said they had over 200 donated prizes for the raffle.

"I think it went really well," she said. "To start with, I didn't think there were a lot of people but when we started doing prizes I had my back to everyone."

Rogers was told she likely couldn't have fit any more people into the arena.

This year's raffle benefitted the Library Launchers group, who are raising money to buy furniture for the new sustainable library in Wilberforce.

Rogers said she doesn't have the final tally yet, but near as she can guess they've raised over \$3,000 with the event. The far surpasses last year's mark of \$1,800 to finish the kitchen at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The Library Launchers had their own booth at the raffle to do separate fundraising, while local Highlands East real estate agents provided free hot dogs to participants.

Scotiabank in Wilberforce had been selling raffle tickets for a carved bear over the last few months. They managed to sell \$500 worth of tickets, which Scotiabank agreed to match. Their total contribution was over \$1,000.

"All of it is for the library," Rogers said.



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Highlander events



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Pictured on page 38, from left are Joan Barton (left), Sydney Dilling, Aidan Dilling and Gill Stephen clowning around and selling tickets for the penny raffle. Above left: Charlotte Porter and Kristen Gainforth show off their newly-made hats. Above right: Visitors placed tickets for over 200 donated prizes to raise money for the Wilberforce Library Launchers.

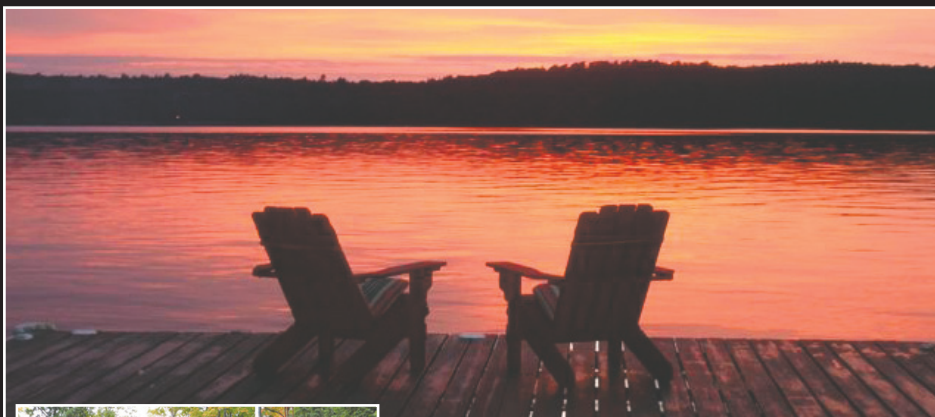


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